

Overview of Electric Vehicle Market Issues in the U.S.

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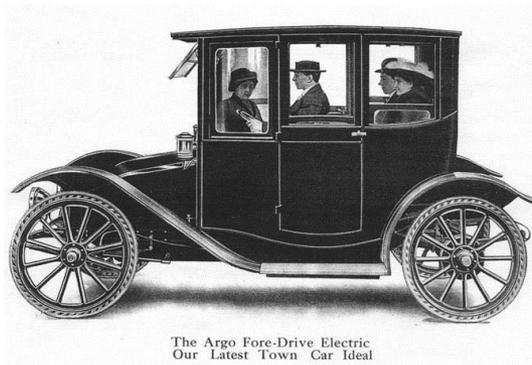
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History of EVs in the U.S.

- EVs held at least 30% of the market in 1900
 - EVs disappeared as gasoline became more available and less expensive and gasoline vehicles improved in power, reliability, and cost.
- Small revival during energy crisis in 1970s
- Another revival after initial CA ZEV mandate in early 1990s
 - GM EV1
 - Toyota RAV4 EV



Current U.S. Market Status

EVs and PHEVs in U.S. Market

- Many new vehicle models entering market
 - 2011
 - Two major introductions: Nissan Leaf EV and Chevrolet Volt PHEV
 - Also Tesla Roadster, BMW ActiveE EV and Smart fortwo EV
 - 2012
 - Mitsubishi i EV, Ford Focus EV, Tesla Model S EV, Toyota Prius PHEV, and Fisker Karma PHEV
 - 2013
 - Honda Fit EV, Toyota RAV4 EV, Ford C-Max Energi PHEV, ...
- Total sales remain relatively small
 - 0.1% of overall sales in 2011, 0.2-0.3% of sales in 2012

U.S. Refueling Infrastructure

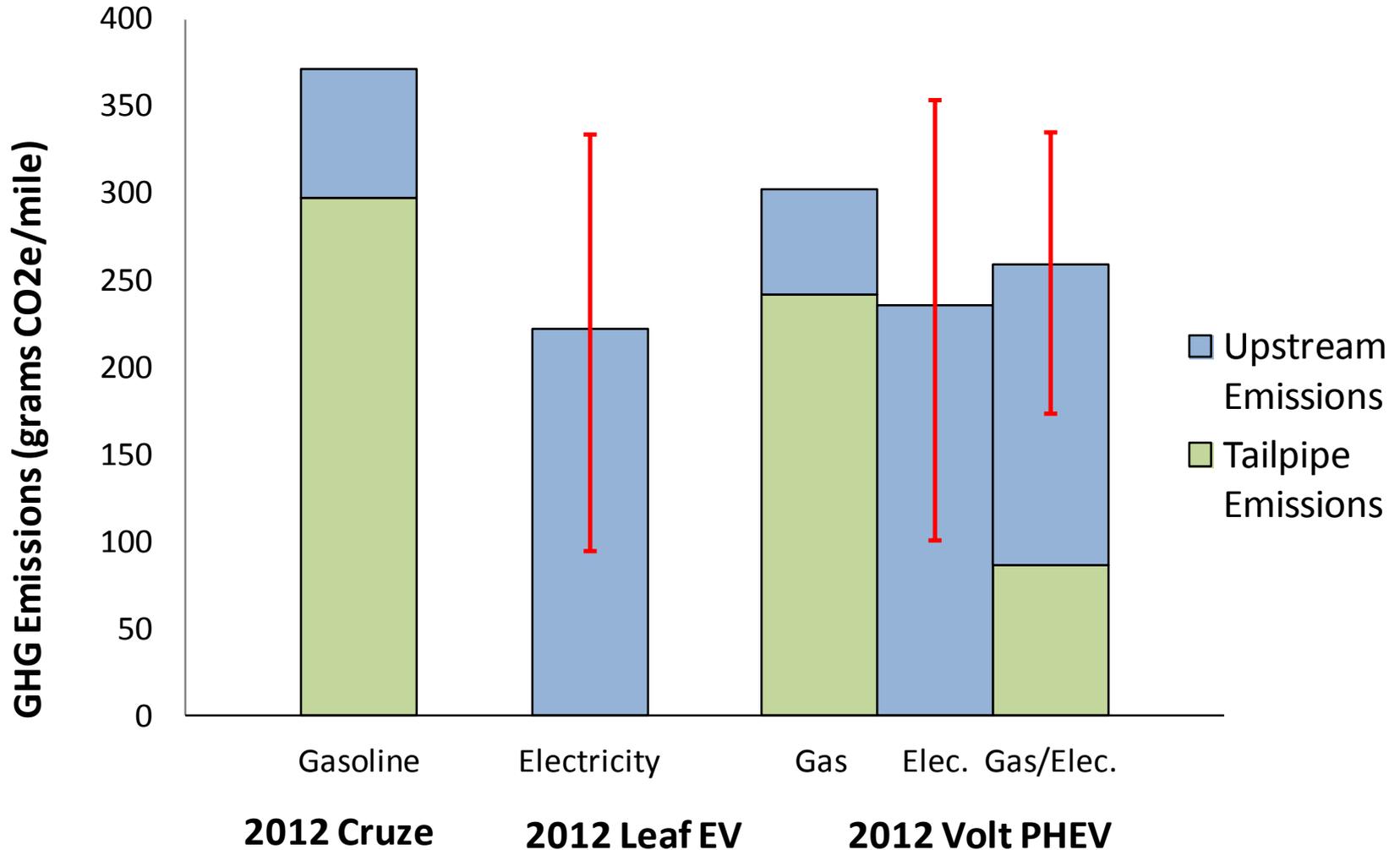
- Home charging
 - Nationwide, 50-60% of all U.S. households have garages
 - 61% of new vehicle buying households in California have access to an electrical outlet within 50 feet of parking location
 - Level 1 (120 v) systems can work for PHEVs
 - Level 2 (240 v) are best for EVs
 - GE WattStation sold to consumers for \$1,000 plus installation
- Public charging stations
 - About 4500 public charging stations in U.S.
 - Mostly Level 2 (240 v) systems, a few Level 3 (480 v) systems

Utility Programs in U.S.

- Promoting consumer interest
 - Offering new pricing options
 - Lower rates for nighttime charging
 - Dedicated meters with lower rates for home charging
 - Fixed monthly price for unlimited EV charging at public stations
 - Free or reduced price Level 2 charging stations and home installation
- Evaluating potential impacts on electric grid
 - distribution infrastructure (e.g., transformers)
 - “smart charging” and vehicle-to-grid technology
- Operating EV/PHEV fleets for research purposes
- Collaborating with cities, local governments, and other stakeholders on plug-in vehicle readiness planning

Lifecycle GHG Emissions Performance

(Real world, based on EPA eGRID2012)



U.S. Regulatory Landscape

U.S. Health-Related Emissions Standards

- U.S. (EPA and the California Air Resources Board) was the global pioneer in reducing automotive health-related pollution in the 1970s and 1980s
- EPA “Tier 2” standards now in effect represent 98-99% reductions, relative to 1970, for hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, and oxides of nitrogen emissions
 - Technologies such as fuel injection and on-board electronic controls have led to cars that are not only cleaner, but better performing and more reliable and durable as well
- EPA considering future “Tier 3” standards that could tighten both vehicle and fuel standards
- Unlikely to have major effect on future EV market

U.S. National Program GHG/CAFE Standards

(www.epa.gov/otaq/climate/regulations.htm)

	MY 2010 Baseline	MY 2016 Standards	MY 2025 Standards
GHG emissions	351 g/mi (218 g/km)	250 g/mi (155 g/km)	163 g/mi (101 g/km)
Fuel economy	25.3 mpg (9.3 L/100 km)	34.1 mpg (6.9 L/100 km)	49.6 mpg (4.7 L/100 km)

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GHG Compliance Incentives for EV/PHEVs

Timeframe	GHG Emissions Compliance Treatment for Grid Electricity	Compliance Multiplier
2012-2016	Below sales limit: 0 grams/mile Above sales limit: Net upstream	None
2017-2021	0 grams/mile	EV: 2.0 ... 1.5 PHEV: 1.6 ... 1.3
2022-2025	Below sales limit: 0 grams/mile Above sales limit: Net upstream	None

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Net Upstream GHG Approach for EVs

- Measure vehicle electricity consumption over EPA city and highway test cycles in watt-hours/mile
- Divide value by 0.935 to reflect transmission losses to reflect electricity needed at the electric powerplant
- Multiply value by 0.534 grams/watt-hour to reflect EPA projection of overall electricity upstream GHG emissions (both powerplant and feedstock) associated with extra electricity demand for EVs/PHEVs in 2030
- Subtract the upstream GHG emissions of a gasoline vehicle with the same footprint meeting its CO₂ target

CAFE Treatment for EVs

- Based on “petroleum equivalency factor” per DOE regulations, reflecting that little or no oil is used in U.S. electricity generation
- CAFE rating = 82,049 Wh/gal divided by electricity consumption in Wh/mile over EPA tests
 - Nissan Leaf uses 238 Wh/mile, so CAFE = 347 miles/gallon

California ZEV Program

(www.arb.ca.gov)

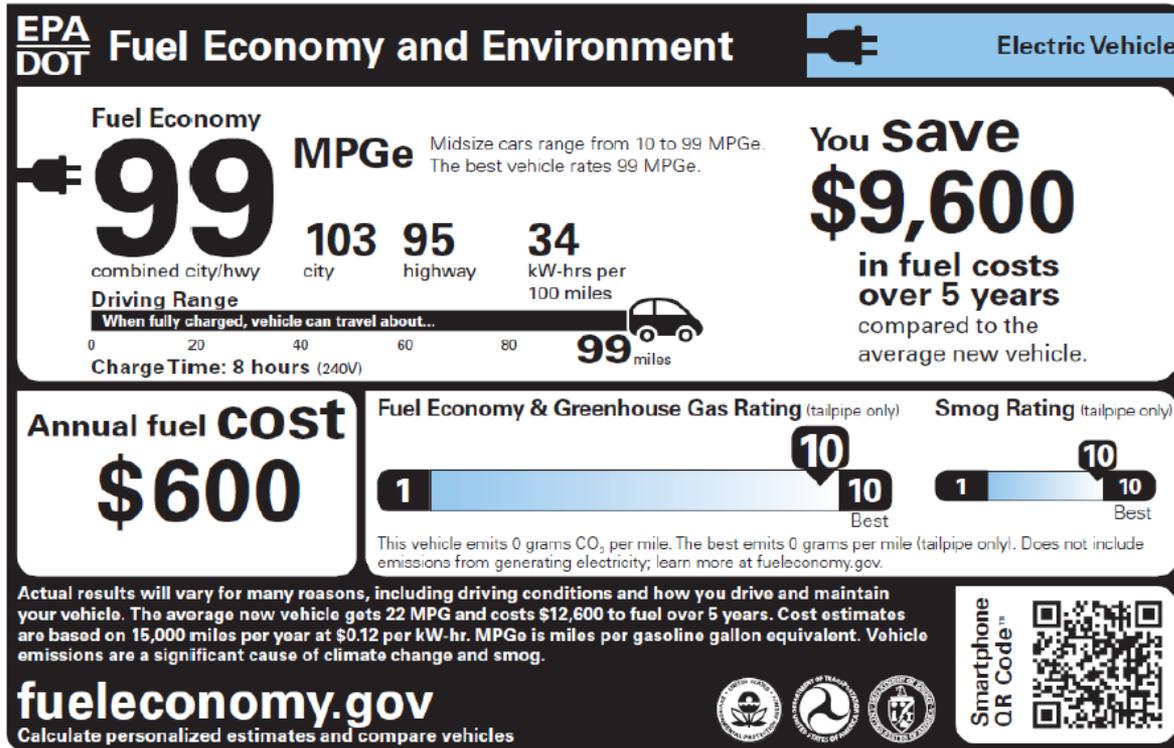
- Originally established in 1990 to require a fraction of sales of advanced technology vehicles with zero or near-zero health-related emissions
 - Mostly met by ultra-low emissions gasoline and hybrid cars
 - Smaller number of EVs, often “Neighborhood EVs”
- Evolving to greater focus on vehicles that use fuels with “zero emission” tailpipe GHG emissions
 - Grid electricity and hydrogen
- Compliance based on credit system reflecting technology, EV range, hydrogen fuel cell storage pressure, etc.
- EPA currently reviewing “waiver” for 2018-2025 that could be met by, for example, 13% EV 100 and 4% PHEV
 - Or fewer fuel cell vehicles, or EVs with longer range

U.S. Fuel Economy & Environment Label

- Starting with model year 2013, all new passenger cars and trucks sold in the United States are required to have the revised fuel economy & environment label
 - The label's metrics and design enable consumers to compare across technologies (gas, diesel, EV, PHEV, FCV, CNG)

Both MPGe & kW-hrs per 100 miles

Range & Charge Time



Highlights how much consumers can save (or spend) in fuel costs compared to average vehicle

Tailpipe CO₂

More information, including upstream GHG emissions estimates, are available on joint DOE-EPA website

U.S. Government Incentives

U.S. DOE Funding to support EVs/PHEVs

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
 - \$2 billion in grants for advanced battery manufacturing and recycling & electric drive component manufacturing
 - \$400 million for transportation electrification program to install charging infrastructure and purchase EVs/PHEVs for demonstrations—The EV Project
 - 20+ cities
 - Over 8000 Evs and PHEVs
 - 14,000 Level 2 chargers and 300 Level 3 chargers
 - Data at <http://avt.inl.gov/evproject.shtml>
- Recent Research & Development programs
 - EV Everywhere Grand Challenge, announced March, 2012
 - Goal to enable US companies to develop an EV that is cost competitive with conventional vehicles (payback < 5 years) and has a range that meet s average Americans' needs by 2022
 - Working with industry, academia, state and local governments, and other stakeholders
 - \$4 million to develop a wireless charging system for EVs, announced April 2012
 - \$43 million for breakthrough energy storage technologies for electric vehicles and the grid
 - through the DOE's Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy , announced Aug 2012
- Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program
 - Loans help fund domestic manufacturing facilities for EVs and batteries (as well as other advanced technology vehicles)
 - \$25 billion authorized, \$8,4 billion spent so far

U.S. EV/PHEV Tax Credits

- Primary economic incentive to promote consumer interest in EVs/PHEVs
- Federal tax credit
 - \$2500 credit for EV/PHEV with battery capacity of 4 kWh
 - Credit increases by \$417 for every kWh in excess of 4 kWh
 - Maximum credit of \$7500 for battery capacity of 16+ kWh
 - Credit begins to phase down after a manufacturer's cumulative EV/PHEV sales reaches 200,000 units
- Some individual states also offer EV/PHEV tax credits
 - Highest credit is \$5000 in Georgia
 - California state incentive ended June 30, 2012

HOV Lane Access in U.S.

- Primary non-economic incentive to promote consumer interest in EVs/PHEVs
- High-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes are normally restricted to vehicles carrying a certain minimum number of passengers to encourage car-pooling
- 11 states allow EV and PHEV drivers to use HOV lanes
 - Including California, New York, New Jersey, Florida, Illinois, Virginia, and Maryland
- In some areas, this can be a very powerful incentive

Fuel Road Taxes in U.S.

- U.S. fuel taxes
 - Federal: 18.4 cents per gallon
 - State: vary, but typically average about 30 cents per gallon
- Vehicles that use electricity generally pay no fuel taxes
 - One state, Washington state, has a \$100 annual EV tax
- This yields an annual benefit of about \$250 relative to a gasoline car that pays fuel taxes, or \$2500 over a 10-year period

U.S. Market Drivers and Barriers for EVs

U.S. Market Drivers

- Direct benefits to vehicle owner
 - Fuel prices
 - Much lower
 - Much more predictable
 - Refueling
 - Can do so at home and avoid gasoline stations
 - Reduce personal oil use and carbon emissions
 - No tailpipe/noise may be perceived as more “elegant”
- Collective societal benefits
 - Large carbon savings, especially if electric grid is transformed to low-carbon feedstocks
 - Large oil savings can also reduce oil prices, reduce trade deficit, and keep more dollars in local economies

U. S. Market Barriers

- Much higher vehicle cost, due primarily to batteries
- Vehicle range
 - Lower
 - More variable due to climate and driving behavior
- Inconvenience and flexibility
 - Loss of peak vehicle utility
 - Longer refueling time
 - Greater need for household planning for vehicle use
- Lack of widespread public charging infrastructure
- Consumer reluctance to try very different car technology
- Cost and challenge of transforming electric grid to low-carbon feedstocks

Perspective

- EVs are a “bigger change” than any other alternative vehicle technology option for the U.S. market
- U.S. gov’t has done more to promote EV/PHEVs than other advanced technologies, but sales remain low so far
- It is impossible to predict whether EVs will be successful
 - Plausible that EVs will gain only a very small market share, e.g., as a second or third “city car” for high-income families
 - Plausible that EVs will become a mainstream competitor and the “technology of choice” for those consumers who want to nearly zero out their oil and carbon footprints
- Major determinants of future EV success in U.S.
 - Oil prices
 - Battery innovation and cost
 - Ability to transform U.S. electric grid to low-carbon feedstocks
 - Cultural attitudes toward oil and carbon

Thank You

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